

# Press Release



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## **hhgregg TO OPEN REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION CENTER IN MARYLAND, PLANS TO CREATE 100 NEW JOBS**

**BALTIMORE, MD (December 15, 2009)** – Governor Martin O’Malley and Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson today announced that hhgregg, a leading Indianapolis-based appliance and electronics retailer, is opening a distribution center in Prince George’s County with plans to create 100 new jobs over the next year. The company, which currently has a retail presence in Alabama, Indiana, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi, Georgia, and Virginia announced plans earlier this year to expand its retail operations in the Mid-Atlantic by opening between 40 and 45 new stores during fiscal 2011. The 300,000 square-foot distribution center, planned for 14310 Mattawoman Drive in Brandywine, would support the company’s new locations.

“Working with our partners in Prince George’s County, Maryland was able to offer hhgregg an unbeatable combination of a highly-skilled workforce, outstanding strategic location and supportive business climate,” said Governor O’Malley. “We look forward to hhgregg creating these new jobs in Maryland and ensuring the company’s continued growth and expansion here.”

“As hhgregg continues to expand throughout the Mid-Atlantic region in fiscal year 2011, our new distribution center in Brandywine will support growth and provide convenient access to states throughout the Mid-Atlantic region,” said Jeff Pearson, vice president of marketing, hhgregg.

As part of the project, the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development has offered the company an \$80,000 conditional loan to assist with the costs of improvements to their new facility. In addition, the company is eligible for state Job Creation Tax Credits. Prince George’s County has offered a \$50,000 conditional loan through its Incentive Leverage Fund.

“We are pleased to have attracted the hhgregg’s Regional Distribution Center to Prince George’s County in Brandywine,” said Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson. “This new employer will expand the job base for the residents of Prince George’s County.”

### **ABOUT DBED:**

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism.

Because they are major economic generators, the Department also supports the Arts, film production, sports and other special events. For more information, visit [www.choosemaryland.org](http://www.choosemaryland.org).

**About hhgregg:**

hhgregg (NYSE: HGG) is a specialty retailer of consumer electronics, home appliances, mattresses and related services operating under the names hhgregg(R) and Fine Lines(R). hhgregg currently operates 127 stores in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. For more information visit [www.hhgregg.com](http://www.hhgregg.com)

**ABOUT PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

Under authority of the County Executive, the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) provides the right combination of investment incentives to attract new businesses; access to capital and support services to help businesses grow; and information on procurement opportunities to enable businesses to sustain their growth. The EDC is committed to promoting economic development, expanding business opportunities, and providing assistance to businesses interested in locating their principal office or base of operations in Prince George’s County.